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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby submit documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted within three months of the date of entry of the national phase.

Although Japanese document 63-204753 is not in the English language, the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of relevance is satisfied by the English language translation of the document provided therewith. In addition, the requirement is further satisfied by the discussion of this document in the specification, for example, on page 2.

A copy of the listed Japanese document 6-216303 is presently not available to the undersigned attorney. However, it is noted that this document was cited in the International Preliminary Examination Report, and, as such, it is applicants' understanding that a copy of the document should

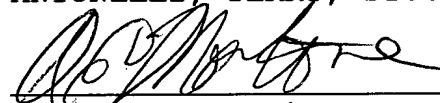
be available to the Examiner. In addition, a copy of U.S. Patent 5,637,913 is provided herewith. This document is the corresponding United States patent to Japanese document 6-216303.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (843.37610X00), and please credit any excess fees to said deposit account.

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